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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS (DRCs) TO OPEN

EVERETT, WA—Officials from the State of Washington and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will open two disaster recovery centers (DRCs) to assist individuals who suffered damage from the October 15-23 storms and flooding. The centers will be open in Granite Falls and Darrington at the following locations on the days listed. Hours of all DRCs are 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Other centers are scheduled to be opening in the near future.

The centers will be located at:

The Fire House
1115 Seeman St.
Darrington, WA 98241

- Friday, Nov. 14
- Saturday, Nov. 15

(2 days only)

The American Legion Hall
301 S. Granite Ave
Granite Falls, WA 98252

- Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 15
- Thursday, Nov. 20, Friday, Nov. 21 and Saturday, Nov. 22
- Friday, Nov. 28 and Saturday, Nov. 29

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The centers will be staffed with experts to answer questions and provide recovery information and written materials about various assistance programs available to individuals and business owners.

Some disaster programs include housing assistance and other needs assistance programs, and low interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for individuals and non-agricultural businesses of all sizes. These are the first of several planned recovery centers to serve those affected by the October storms.

Individuals who have been affected by the disaster are urged to start the application process before visiting the centers by calling FEMA's toll-free number at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). Hearing and speech impaired individuals may call TTY at 1-800-462-7585.

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Note to Editors: Disaster information is available on FEMA's World Wide Web at <http://www.fema.gov> or the Washington Emergency Management Division at <http://emd.wa.gov>.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

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